

REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
August 14, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM

1. Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Washinawatok, Kathy Kaquatosh and Susan Waukau. MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Kaquatosh (excused), Jeremy Weso (excused) and Sabrina Hemken (excused). Also present: Freida Bergeon, Lindzey Grall, Rebecca Loudbear, Yvette Ducane, Brett Hoffman and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated July 10, 2008 and August 5, 2008.

Susan Waukau would like the minutes dated August 5, 2008 corrected to note that she was excused.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to approve the minute's dates July 10, 2008 and August 5, 2008 with corrections. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 2 for, 0 opposed 1 abstention (Waukau) and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to suspend the agenda and move to item # 11 – Other Business before item # 4- Health and Dental Rates to hear Mrs. Bergeon. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

11. Other Business

Freida Bergeon addressed the committee on her concerns about the General Council motion dated January 18, 2008 to reconsider an elder's council under Ordinance 95-04. Laurie Boivin informed her that the Legislature passed a motion August 7, 2008 that will review this request at the next regular Governmental Affairs Committee meeting to be held on September 11, 2008.

Laurie Boivin informed Mrs. Bergeon that the committee will have the minutes from the committee meeting, the Legislature meeting along with the motions when they review this item next month. Kathy Kaquatosh noted that the committee will need the Commission on Aging funding requirements to insure that we do not lose that funding if the Tribe reinstates the elders council. Mrs. Bergeon gave her written comments to the committee for their review at the next meeting to be held on September 11, 2008.

Motion made by Regina Washinawatok to go back to the regular agenda starting with item # 4. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

4. Health and Dental Rates FY 09: Discussion/Recommendations.

Dan Maine informed the committee that the Tribe will be able to keep the current FY 08 rates for medical and dental.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to recommend to the Legislature that the current medical and dental funding rates remain at the Fiscal Year 2008 levels. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

Ben Butler and Julia McClean spoke to the committee on the Health Plan Reimbursement Account concept. They informed the committee of the cost savings to the Tribe and also to the employee. The committee discussed having three tiers (Tribal Clinic, PPO and Out-of-Network), value-based healthcare and wellness program strategies.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to have Insurance move forward with the Health Reimbursement Plan and to have a schedule of incentives and disease management ready and to have further details available for the October, 2008 Governmental Affairs meeting. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

5. Discussion/Recommendations on Amendment to Ordinance 79-15 Enrollment in the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Yvette Ducane-Director of Enrollment updated the committee on the progress the Enrollment Committee is making on amending the ordinance. She will bring the proposed amendments to the October Governmental Affairs committee meeting.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to table # 5 – Amendment to Ordinance 79-15 Enrollment in the Menominee Indian Tribe. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

6. Discussion/Recommendations on Amendment to Ordinance 03-17 Debt Collection Ordinance.

Brett Hoffman-Director of Property Management and Acquisitions discussed in length the Debt Collection Ordinance. The notification process, what departments are allowed access to the debtors list and which department's needs to conform to this ordinance were topics of discussion. Rebecca Loudbear will bring the mark up copy along with the clean copy to the next meeting.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to table item # 6 Amendment to Ordinance 03-17 Debt Collection Ordinance. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

7. Property Management Policy: Discussion/Recommendations.

The committee would like to see the redlined and clean copy of this policy. Brett Hoffman will present this at the next meeting.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to table item # 7 on the agenda - Property Management Policy. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

8. Ordinance #82-10 Menominee Tribal Preference-Discussion and recommendations.

The committee would like a full committee present and the forms that human resources will utilize were not presented to the committee yet.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to table # 8 on the agenda– Ordinance #82-10 Menominee Tribal Preference until we have a full committee. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

9. Amendment to 79-04 Cigarette/Tobacco Ordinance – Wayne Wilber.

The Legal Department is not ready to present this ordinance.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to table the Amendment to Ordinance #79-04 Cigarette/Tobacco Ordinance. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

10. Monthly Reports

No questions were asked on the reports submitted from Enrollment, IT, Tribal News, Tax Commissioner and Maintenance Departments.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve all the monthly reports submitted. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (B. Kaquatosh, Weso and Hemken).

11. Other Business.

No other business

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh/Regina Washinawatok to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder
Chairman's Office